

In the claims:

All of the claims standing for examination are reproduced below. Status of claims is indicated.

1-35. (Canceled)

36. (New) Software stored in a data repository, and executing on a network-connected computer appliance, comprising:

 a communication function and format for establishing at least a temporary link with an information source in the network, and downloading a quantity of information from the source while linked;

 code for interacting with a first portion of the quantity of information downloaded from the source and forming therefrom a presentation on a display apparatus of the network-connected computer appliance;

 characterized in that, once the presentation is made on the display apparatus, user interaction with the presentation may cause alteration of the presentation, based on a second portion of the quantity of information.

37. (New) The software of claim 36 wherein the communication function and format intermittently links to the information source for downloading additional information usable for further updating of the presentation on the display apparatus.

38. (New) The software of claim 36 wherein the code is a script in a scripting language.

39. (New) The software of claim 38 wherein the scripting language is JavaScript[™].

40. (New) The software of claim 36 wherein the network is the Internet.

41. (New) The software of claim 36 wherein the communication function and format is XML-based, the function comprising an XMLHttpRequest, and the format comprising XML format.

42. (New) The software of claim 36 wherein a user of the computer appliance may control how information is rendered in through creation of unique queries used by the device in requesting the information.

43. (New) The software of claim 36 wherein one portion of the quantity of information downloaded comprises data for an object model and another portion comprises logic instructions for forming the object model from the data.

44. (New) The software of claim 43 wherein the code is a JavaScript which operates on the object model in managing the presentation.

45. (New) A method for presenting, on a network-connected computer appliance, information downloaded from a network-based information source, comprising steps of:

- (a) establishing, by a communication function and format operable on the network-connected computer appliance, at least a temporary link with the network-based information source, and downloading a quantity of information from the source while linked;

- (b) using code executable on the network-connected appliance, interacting with a first portion of the quantity of information downloaded from the source, and forming therefrom a presentation on a display apparatus of the network-connected computer appliance; and

- (c) altering the presentation on the display apparatus by interacting with a second portion of the quantity of information downloaded.

46. (New) The method of claim 45 further comprising a step (d) intermittently linking to the information source and downloading additional information usable for further updating of the presentation on the display.

47. (New) The method of claim 45 wherein in step (b) the code is a script in a scripting language.

48. (New) The method of claim 47 wherein the scripting language is JavaScript™.

49. (New) The method of claim 45 wherein the network is the Internet.

50. (New) The method of claim 45 wherein the communication function and format is XML-based, the function comprising an XMLHttpRequest, and the format comprising XML format.

51. (New) The method of claim 45 wherein a user of the computer appliance may control how information is rendered in through creation of unique queries used by the device in requesting the information.

52. (New) The method of claim 45 wherein one portion of the quantity of information downloaded comprises data for an object model and another portion comprises logic instructions for forming the object model from the data.

53. (New) The method of claim 52 wherein the code is a JavaScript which operates on the object model in managing the presentation.

54. (New) A machine-readable medium having stored thereon a set of instructions that cause a machine to perform a method comprising:

(a) establishing, by a communication function and format operating on a network-connected computer appliance, at least a temporary link with a network-based

information source, and downloading a quantity of information from the source while linked;

(b) using code executable on the network-connected appliance, interacting with a first portion of the quantity of information downloaded from the source, and forming therefrom a presentation on a display apparatus of the network-connected computer appliance; and

(c) altering the presentation on the display apparatus by interacting with a second portion of the quantity of information downloaded.